GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS
LOK SABHA

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CENTRALISATION OF DRUGS CONTROL MACHINERY
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Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to centralize the drugs control machinery in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the time by which it is likely to be implemented in all the States?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI B.K. HANDIQUE)

(a) to (c): Drugs Controller General (India) in the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare has informed that the proposal to set up the Central Drug Authority of India to upgrade the National Drug Regulatory System to bring uniformity of licensing and to provide technical vision and policy direction for the pharmaceutical and cosmetics sector is under active consideration of the Ministry of Health. The Authority would have ten main divisions for performing functions as envisaged under the Drugs and Cosmetics Act, 1940. It is proposed to have a phased transition from the present system of granting manufacturing licenses by the State Licensing Authority to the Central Licensing of drug manufacturing Units by the Government of India. For this purpose, the Drugs and Cosmetics Act, 1940 is proposed to be amended.